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Applicant: Kenichi IIDA et al.
Serial No.: 09/693,125
Filed: October 20, 2000
For: DATA REWRITING APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD,
AND RECORDING MEDIUM
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REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Mail Stop: Patent Application

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/693,125 filed October 20, 2000.

1. [x] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed including a copy of the signed Declaration and a copy of the drawings.
2. [x] The prior application is assigned to Sony Corporation and the Assignment was recorded on January 24, 2001 at Reel 011473, Frame 0593.
3. [x] Priority of Application(s) No.(s) P11-301335,

P2000-294387, filed on October 22, 1999, and September 27, 2000 respectively, in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119.


- [x] The certified copy in support of the claim of priority has been filed in the Prior Application Serial No. 09/693,125 and acknowledgment thereof is requested.
4. [] This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown below in parentheses apply.
- b. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims Appearing in the Prior Application,
Less Any Claims Canceled By Amendment Below

| | Number Filed | Number Extra | Fee |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Basic Fee | | | \$750 (\$375) |
| Total claims..... | - 20 = | x | \$18 (\$ 9) |
| Independent claims... | - 3 = | x | \$84 (\$42) |
| Total Filing Fee..... | | | \$ 750.00 |

5. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
6. [x] A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed.
7. [x] Amend claims 17-20
8. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a division of prior application Serial No. 09/693,125 filed October 20, 2000.--

9. [x] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application identified above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Jay H. Maioli, Reg. No. 27,213, Cooper & Dunham LLP, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.
- a. [x] The power appears in the prior application.
- b. [x] Address all future communications to:
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11. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.



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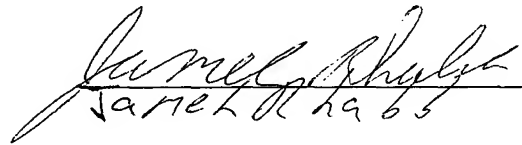
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